

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

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Re: Hill v. Haynes, et al., 3:06cv136

Dear Ms. Sokolowski-Craft:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 1, 2011, in which you offer your legal services to the plaintiff in the above-mentioned case, Demetrius Hill, on a *pro bono* basis.

Please be advised that this case was first filed in this Court on December 15, 2006. After several reviews, and an appeal, it is now before the Court on a very limited basis -- to determine whether Bureau of Prisons staff frustrated Mr. Hill's attempts to exhaust administrative remedies. An evidentiary hearing has been scheduled for July 27, 2011, and Mr. Hill has been appointed local counsel. Mr. Hill's appointed counsel has brokered a cooperation agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for discovery and is currently in the process of completing that process. To allow the substitution of counsel at this point would only serve to delay this case more, particularly in light of the fact that you are not licensed in the State of West Virginia, nor admitted to practice before this Court. Therefore, while the Court appreciates your generous offer, it is not inclined to substitute counsel at this time. Should Mr. Hill's case proceed past the limited issue of the evidentiary hearing, the Court would be willing to take the matter under further advisement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ John S. Kaull

John S. Kaull
U.S. Magistrate Judge

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